

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Department of Defense (DoD), announced today that on January 23, 2001, Whitney B. Freeman, M.D., pleaded guilty to one-count of healthcare fraud. The plea related to Freeman's submission and attempted submission of fraudulent healthcare claims to TRICARE and seventeen other healthcare benefit programs in the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, Cleveland, OH.

On October 31, 2000, an indictment was filed against Freeman. The indictment alleged that between August 1999 and October 1999, Freeman knowingly and willfully submitted 123 fraudulent claims for services that he had not performed.